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Prior Application:  
Examiner: Thomas A. Dixon  
Art Unit: 3629

Sir:

This is a

☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

☒ Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 10/418,088, filed April 18, 2003 for  
[Title as filed]: OPTICAL DISK, OPTICAL RECORDER, OPTICAL REPRODUCER,  
CRYPTOCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND PROGRAM LICENSE SYSTEM

[Amended Title]: RECORDING MEDIUM, RECORDER, REPRODUCER, CRYPTOCOMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM AND PROGRAM LICENSE SYSTEM

by [Inventors]: Mitsuaki OSHIMA; Yoshiho GOTOH; Shinichi TANAKA;  
Kenji KOISHI; Mitsurou MORIYA; and Yoshinari TAKEMURA

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

Basic Fee  
\$770.00

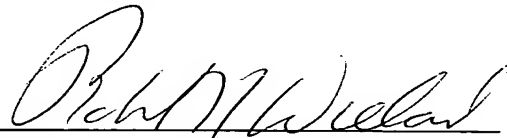
Total claims	8	-20 =	0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	
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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.
5. [x] Cancel in this application claims 2-28 of the prior application  
before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim  
is retained for filing purposes.
6. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
  
This application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of 10/418,088,  
filed April 18, 2003 which is a continuation application of Serial  
No. 09/475,228, filed December 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,611,820;  
which is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/849,468, filed  
June 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,081,785; which is a U.S. National  
Stage of PCT/JP96/02924, filed October 8, 1996.
7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was  
not entered therein.
8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 7-261247 filed October 9,  
1995; 8-008910 filed January 23, 1996 and 8-211304 filed August 9,  
1996, in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [x] The certified copies were filed in the National Stage application  
PCT/JP96/0294.
- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.

9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 8623, Frame 0039.
10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- [x] c. Address all future communications to
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11. [x] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.
12. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.
14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.
15. [x] A Letter to the Official Draftsperson is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of:                      Prior Group Art Unit: 3629  
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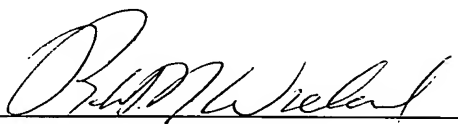
Please substitute the attached thirty-five (35) sheets of  
formal drawings depicting Figures 1-24B for Figures 1-24B  
originally filed with the application.

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